defects in the scheme announced by Government order dated 17th of June 1987. Even today, we have heard contradictory statement from the side of the Minister. One was that on the 7th of September, a communication was addressed to all the State Governments and they were free to implement the scheme according to the agreement arrived at. The agreement was contained in a demi-official letter written by the Secretary of the Human Resource Development Ministry and another by the Chairman of the U.G.C., Dr. Yash Pal. But the Minister now says that the formal order is in the offing. No step has been taken to amend the Government order of 17th June on the basis of the agreement arrived at on the 4th of September. Should we understand that a duly issued Government order can be modified on the basis of a demi official letter? If a formal order from the decision of the Cabinet is ready, why such a long time has been taken by the Human Resource Development Ministry?

SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO: Sir, I will take a little more time in order to explain... (*Interruptions*)... If you want, I am prepared to explain the whole thing... (*Interruptions*)...

PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Let me complete what I have to say. I seek your protection, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Put your question...

PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: The Chief Minister of West Bengal, Mr. Jyoti Basu reported ... (*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please put your question.

PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Whether a G.O. can be modified on the basis of a demi-official letter? If not, why the formality was not gone through much earlier? Does it not indicate that Government is trying to go back on its own commitment? Further, I want to know whether the Human Resource Development Minister over the telephone told Mr. Jyoti Basu ... (*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: What is your question?

PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: ...that in two days' time, the Government order would go. I would like to know these things from the hon. Minister.

SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO: Sir, I congratulate the hon. Member from West Bengal for having very forcefully pleaded the case and forcefully referred to what the Chief Minister of West Bengal told me and wrote me. I would like to assure him that all matters will be sorted out. I have no difficulty in sorting out these matters with the Chief Minister of West Bengal. I have told him that the matter is going to be settled very soon and I am sure, at least, he sounded satisfied on the phone.

Flying of defective planes by Vayudoot and IA.

*44. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:†

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Vayudoot and Indian Airlines are flying defective planes ignoring the safety of the passengers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that recently the Airbus had developed cracks in their wings;

† The question was actually asked on the floor of house by Shri Bir Bhadra Pratap Singh.

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to repair the defective aircrafts; and

(d) whether Government propose to check all the aircrafts under Indian Airlines and Vayudoot and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) No, Sir. The aircraft of Vayudoot and Indian Airlines are maintained by licensed/approved engineers and in accordance with airworthiness standards specified by the Director General of Civil Aviation and recommended by manufacturers, and are flown only after the prescribed maintenance checks have been carried out.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. During routine inspections of the aircraft by Indian Airlines' Engineers they discovered cracks on the wing top skin of two Airbus A300 aircraft.

The matter was immediately brought to the notice of Director General of Civil Aviation and the manufacturers and visual inspection of all the A 300 aircraft was carried out to ensure that there were no cracks in other A300 aircraft in Indian Airlines fleet. Repair work on one of the two aircraft has already been carried out under the supervision of Airbus Industries personnel and repair on the second aircraft is in progress. The aircraft after repairs will be flown only after those have been certified as airworthy.

(d) All aircraft of Indian Airlines and Vayudoot are subjected to statutory and periodic checks/inspections by engineers duly supervised by the Director General of Civil Aviation.

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Considerable controversy has been raised by the management itself that the engine is defective. The engine suppliers said that the maintenance is bad. After checking they said there is no proper servicing. Now the honourable Minister, Shri Vora, said, no, we wont use it and we hold an inquiry. Now, this is not being serious. Why has this technical controversy been made public by the departmental people themselves, by the officers of the Government itself? Why these statements and counter-statements by Vayudoot on one side and manufacturers of Dornier on the other side? You take it away from circulation so that it may not be run for public use.

SHRI MOTI LAL VORA: I have already said about the report of the Director-General of Civil Aviation about the performance of the engine during ground-run; the engine is considerably serviceable and airworthy to complete the rest of the life of the engine, i.e. 390 hours. The officers of the DGCA will closely ensure the performance of the engine and if any deterioration in the performance is observed, the engine shall be withdrawn from the aircraft service.

(Interruptions)

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: But why are people made to live in suspicion about flying on this aircraft? If there is any defect, why not deal with the engine and the engine suppliers. Why allow a public controversy being raised by the officials concerned?

SHRI MOTI LAL VORA: I do not know about the public controversy. I have narrated the facts.

श्री भक्तराम मनहर सभापति महोदय, वायुदूत के डौरनियर विमान के प्रशिक्षण उड़ान के दौरान मैं भी यहां से भोपाल, भोपाल से बिलासपुर, जगदलपुर, नागपुर और फिर भोपाल से दिल्ली की उड़ान पर गया था । मेरी यात्रा सफल एवं सुखद रही इतना मैं जानता हूं । सभापति महोदय, मैं मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूं कि तीन सौ विमान हैं इन्हें दुनिया की मशहूर कम्पनी ने बनाया है महोदय से जानना चाहता हूं कि क्या

मंत्रालय में इस तरह की शिकायतें दूसरे देशों से भी आई हैं कि उनके पंखों में आपने जैसा बताया कि दो विमानों के पंखों मे खराबी थी तो इसके लिये आपने क्या उस कंपनी से कोई लिखा-पढ़ी की है? अगर शिकायत की है तो उनकी तरफ से क्या जवाब आया है?

श्री मोती लाल वोरा : सभापति महोदय, माननीय सदस्य ने डारनियर विमान में यात्रा की और उनकी यात्रा अत्यंत सुखद रही मैं भी उनके साथ था। जहां तक माननीय सभापति महोदय,... **(व्यवधान)**

I thank God!

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: You have to thank God!

श्री सुब्रह्मण्यन स्वामी : सब गाड के भरोसे पर चल रहा है।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over now.

WRITTEN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS

Medicare facilities for the rural poor and tribals in Bihar

*41. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what targets were fixed under the Seventh Plan to extend medicare facilities to the rural poor and specially to the tribals in Bihar with Central assistance;

(b) the extent to which the targets have been achieved so far and whether the rest of the targets could be achieved during the next two years of the plan;

(c) if not, the reasons for the shortfall in this regard; and

(d) what steps are now proposed to be taken to see that the work is expedited and the targets achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Under the 7th Plan, a target for establishing 6,500 sub-centres, 1,500 primary health centres and 97 community health centres in Bihar was fixed in consultation with Planning Commission. The target for tribal sub-plan areas covering 112 tribal blocks in Bihar was to establish 1300 sub-centres, 300 primary health centres and 12 community health centres during the same period. These activities are included in the State Sector of Minimum Needs Programme and Central assistance from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is available only for some components of the sub-centres. The salary of the female workers, rental charges for sub-centres building, contingency expenses, honorarium of a helper and medicines worth Rs. 2,000 per annum are made available to the State Government under the Family Welfare Programme.

(b) As reported by State Government from time to time, achievements in respect of above-mentioned targets are as given below:—

Institutions	Target for 7th plan	Achievements during 85-88
Sub-centres . .	6500	2150
PHC . . .	15000	759
CHC . . .	97	27

The above figures include the number of institutions established in tribal sub-plan areas which are as given below:—

Institutions	Target for 7th plan	Achievements till 1987-88
Sub-centres . .	1300	418
PHC . . .	300	87
CHC . . .	12	8

The State Government have reported that the targets in respect of establishing primary health centres